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Filed: February 28, 2000 )  
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IN NUCLEIC ACID AMPLIFICATION" )

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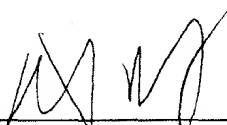
Applicants hereby submit the enclosed substitute formal drawings for Figures 1-7 for the above-referenced patent application. Applicants respectfully request entry of these substitute formal drawings. In reviewing the application file, Applicants noticed that the appearance of the formal drawing of Figure 5 now of record could be improved. In making this submission, Applicants are not responding to any outstanding requirement or issue for Figure 5, and Applicants expressly disclaim any implication that the submission of this substitute drawing was

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necessary or required in the present application. In response to the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (Paper No. 6), submitted herewith are corrected formal drawings for Figures 1-4 and 6-7 as required for the above-identified patent application. Applicants note that only these figures were objected to.

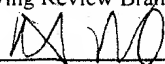
No fee is believed due, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0629.

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